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▼ CONVOCAATION—

Anthony Cohen will speak at the Black History Month Convocation Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in Neumann Auditorium. Cohen appears in place of the recently deceased Dean Louis Westerfield.

▼ GROSSMANN—

Students wanting suites in Grossmann next year should start thinking about projects. Incorporating technology into the project is encouraged. This, however, is a suggestion and does not mean these projects will be chosen.

▼ APPLICATION PICK-UP—

Those students wishing to live in Grossmann or the Residence next year may pick up an application in the student life office (LH 206). Applications are due Friday, March 14 by 4:30 p.m. Informational meetings will be held Tuesday for students who are interested in living in Grossmann and the Residence. The meetings will begin at 8 p.m. in Grossmann 1 lounge and in the Residence main lounge.

▼ HOT TOPICS FORUM—A hot topics forum entitled "Hot Topic: Reconciliation of Homosexuality in the Church" will be Monday night from 8:30 to 10 p.m. in Buhr Lounge.

▼ ARTIST SERIES TICKETS—

Tickets for "The Acting Company" are now available. Students may pick up their tickets between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the Information Desk. Students need to have their student IDs with them. The performance will be Tuesday, March 11, at 8 p.m. in Neumann Auditorium.

KWAR: moving up or out?

by Annette Everding
Assistant News Editor

KWAR, Wartburg's student-run radio station, has applied to be a class A radio station in hopes of retaining its radio frequency, according to Executive-in-Residence and Chair of Communication Arts Grant Price.

American Family Radio (AFR), a Christian station based in Tupelo, Miss., has applied for the frequency next to KWAR. The Waverly area application is just one of 115 that AFR filed with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

If the application is approved by the FCC a transmitter will be placed in Waverly to broadcast AFR programming.

According to Price, because of the closeness of the two frequencies, both stations will not be able to operate at the same time.

If AFR's application to the FCC goes through, KWAR will be forced to forfeit its license because it is only a class D station and AFR would be a class A (see side bar).

"If we lose the frequency, we will lose the history of the station. KWAR was the first education station in Iowa," KWAR Station Manager Justin DeVore said.

After talking with the Wartburg administration, Price said he filed an application with the FCC on Feb. 7 to make KWAR a class A station.

Now that an application from both stations has been filed with the FCC there will be "a good possibility it will go into administration limbo," Price said.

If KWAR's application goes through, AFR will not be able to gain

access to the frequency they are requesting. The status of class A will change the terms of the license.

"Because we filed an application to increase power to 100 watts, forfeiture doesn't come into play at this level," he said.

If KWAR gets a class A rating Price said he hopes AFR will back away from trying to get the frequency.

"They [AFR] have filed 115 applications," Price said. "How vigorously are they going to press this one in Waverly, Iowa?"

Both DeVore and Price said they don't foresee any decision being reached in the near future.

If the frequency is lost DeVore said he would "hope we would apply for a different frequency."

Price said it is an unlikely possibility KWAR would get another frequency.

"We would have to send in new applications and hire people to do field studies. It would be a very expensive process," Price said.

It is doubtful, according to Price, that KWAR will not be upgraded to class A.

Written exhibits of KWAR's success were also submitted with the application to the FCC.

According to Price, the exhibits discussed the unique role KWAR plays in accomplishing the educational objectives for communication arts. He also said they display service the station has provided to students, faculty, staff and the Waverly community.

"Given the record of service we have done over a period of time — almost 50 years — KWAR has some advantage in retaining its frequency," he said.

FCC holds KWAR fate

by Annette Everding
Assistant News Editor

Beginning in the early 1950s low power FM frequencies were set aside for educational radio stations by the FCC.

KWAR was one of the first stations to get a license and has been on the air since. At that time the power was only 10 watts and the number of airplay hours didn't matter.

In the early 1970s National Public Radio (NPR) came into play and the standards for low power frequencies were changed.

The FCC began advocating that low power FMs come up to NPR standards. This meant educational stations had to start operating full time with a full-time staff. Also, the power level of transmission would be raised to a minimum of 100 watts.

If the minimum standards were met the station would be raised from its status as class D to a status of class A. KWAR decided to maintain a class D status.

Around 1980 the FCC made a change in the terms for having a license. It was decided if a station was not in class A range the license of the station would be subject to forfeit.

For the license to be forfeited another station of class A status would have to take an interest in the frequency. If the station filed an application with the FCC and it was approved, the class D station would lose its license and the class A station would take over.

Once again KWAR decided to maintain its class D status. The station did go up to operating at 40 watts of power from 10 watts.

The educational frequencies were not high in demand by class A stations until now. Today's technology has opened the door to new opportunities for class A stations.

Stations can now operate from one location and beam their programming to various locations around the country by the use of a satellite.

This is the reason for the sudden interest in KWAR by AFR, according to Grant Price, executive-in-residence and chair of communication arts.



CHATTING WITH HARKIN—Senior Kerry Wright, junior Nathan Pipho and Iowa Senator Tom Harkin talk politics. Harkin, who was re-elected in November, was in Waverly on Friday. While here he met with people from the Waverly and Wartburg communities, talking mostly about agriculture. Harkin is looking to throw his hat in the ring for Iowa governor next year. If elected Harkin will have to step down from his senatorial position.

Minnesota takes on Iowa

by Sara Baker
News Editor

Dead. Boring. No fun.
Des Moines?

Many Iowans are up in arms following a comment made by Minnesota Governor Arne Carlson two weeks ago.

Carlson, in a speech to persuade Minnesotans to support a tax-subsidized stadium for the Minnesota Twins, called Des Moines a "dead" city.

Carlson has declined to apologize for the remark.

Not only did his words offend many of Minnesota's neighbors to the south, it has many Minnesota business owners worried.

David Harrenstein, electronic media specialist and lecturer in communication arts, owns and operates the Overland Inn, a pie shop along the Root River Trail — the "Cadillac of bicycle trails," he said — in southeastern Minnesota.

No matter how tasty the pie or scenic the bike paths, Harrenstein said Carlson's thoughtless words could hurt his business.

"I don't want people who were making plans

to go to Minnesota for summer vacation to change their plans and go to Wisconsin," he said. "People do vote with their checkbooks."

One-third of Harrenstein's customers are from Iowa.

Harrenstein said he contacted Joanne Benson, Minnesota's lieutenant governor, to express his concerns about the governor's remarks.

"I don't think she initially understood that I was serious. She thought it was good-natured sparring on my part," he said. He said after she read the governor's remarks, she understood that he wasn't joking.

"Hopefully she was going to carry my message to the governor personally," he said.

Harrenstein then faxed a letter to Carlson asking him to apologize to Iowans and explaining why this apology is necessary to Minnesota business owners who stand to lose revenue if Iowa tourism slows down.

"They [officials in larger Minnesota cities] forget there are people beyond the Twin Cities who rely on tourist dollars. There are a lot of dollars that get deposited there. Why do you want to offend those people? They don't have to spend it there," he said.

Iowa/Minnesota

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Brother/Sister/Friend Weekend untimely

by Stacy Demro
Staff Writer

While some Wartburg students were able to relieve stress with their siblings and friends during Brother/Sister/Friend Weekend, others found the weekend to be a conflict.

For many students the weekend came at a hectic time. The choir performed in Atlantic, Iowa, the band was in Caledonia, Minn., and the Castle Singers were in Waterloo. In addition, many students were involved in the musical "Crazy For You" this weekend.

"For me, mostly because of the musical, it was a little overwhelming to have my sister here," said freshman Sarah Luhrs.

Other students found the weekend to be a nice break.

"I knew I had a lot to do, but it was a definite stress reliever to have my sister here to take my mind off classes and studying," said freshman Mindy Van Cleave.

This weekend also marked the middle of Winter Term, a stressful time for many students.

"I have a lot of stuff to get done before break, but it was good to take time out and see my friends. I wish I would have had more time to spend with them," said freshman Valerie Kies.



Photo by Jaime Spratt

MANE ATTRACTION?—Rodney Kelly Jr., great nephew of junior Melyne Wimbley, danced to "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" with Main Attraction, an a cappella group that performed for Brother/Sister/Friend Weekend.

Conflicts occurred Friday night because of the musical and Casino Night, according to Josh Nelson, chair of the games committee and secretary of the Student Alumni Council, which sponsored the event.

"I wasn't too hot on the timing of the weekend because Casino Night has always been part of the Brother/Sister/Friend Weekend. The musical affected the participation I think," said Nelson.

Between 50 and 60 students, siblings and friends participated in Casino Night according to Co-Chair Suzanne Behnke.

"Normally Legends is pretty packed, but it was pretty sparse this year," said Behnke.

Dealers for the evening were faculty, staff and students, according to Nelson.

"Dr. Hampton came dressed as a real dealer. He had on a red vest, black hat and money sticking out of his v-neck. He really got into it and that made it fun," said Behnke.

Prizes included a color television, cds and Wartburg College novelties.

"The bowling activity was a great idea because all ages can participate. My seven-year-old sister Laura really liked it. Main Attraction [an a cappella group] was aimed at older kids, but I think Wartburg tried to target all ages," said freshman Jennifer Noyes.

Luhrs, along with other students and visitors felt the activities were mainly geared toward younger children.

Iowa/Minnesota

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Steven Markuson, director of the Minnesota Office of Tourism, said his office had received about 20 phone calls from Iowans as of Friday.

Markuson said only one Iowan cancelled his travel plans; the rest

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—David Harrenstein
electronic media specialist

called to say they enjoy traveling in Minnesota and plan to continue doing so.

"It's just one of those things. We know Iowa is a big market for us. We

hope it continues to be so and we think it will," he said.

According to Harrenstein, the argument has dragged on long enough.

"Good-natured sparring is okay, but now they have risen to the level where it's just childish. If it alienates my customers, then I'm really mad."

Harrenstein said some of his Iowan friends have called to ask — in jest — why he wants to own a business in Minnesota, or why they should spend their money in that state. He said these calls made him begin to seriously think about potential harm to his tourist-driven business.

"It got me thinking, what if that attitude is widespread," he said. "I wouldn't want [a loss of income] to happen to my business through no fault of my own."

"It was just a stupid thing to do, a childish thing to do."

"There was no reason for it, no purpose. I would think a grown man like the governor of Minnesota would know better than that," he said.

Couch potatoes urged to motate; CAB gets twisted

by Andrew Wenthe
Staff Writer

Students going to work out Saturday morning experienced a different atmosphere than what is usually found in the P.E. Complex.

Two Wartburg student-run organizations were sponsoring activities Saturday morning. The Student Health Awareness Committee (SHAC) held a Walk Your Way to a Healthy Heart Walk-a-Thon sponsored by the American Heart Association.

The Walk-a-Thon was held in an attempt to get couch potatoes to become aware of the benefits of exercise.

SHAC urged students to come out Saturday and walk.

SHAC Chairperson Annette Rahlf said that instead of giving pledges for the Walk-A-Thon, students were asked to bring a friend and get some information about why exercise

is important to your heart.

Ten to 15 walkers turned out for the event. Every walker received a cardboard heart necklace and exercised with others.

The Campus Activities Board (CAB), which had a variety of fun things to do for children because of Brother/Sister/Friend Weekend, was on the other side of the P.E. Complex.

The activities included Bingo, Twister, Spin Art, Puffy Paint and various other games. Wartburg students could also get their picture taken with their sibling or friend while putting their heads in a cardboard cut-out of two royal figures.

Many people turned out for the games and activities for various reasons.

"I came this morning because I never get to see them anymore and I thought it would be fun," said Heather Kuennen, a freshman, who attended with her 10-year-old brother Joshua and his friend Andy Thraenert.

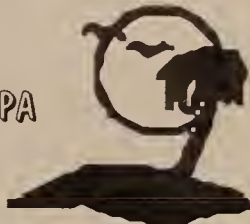
Correction

Brian Ide was incorrectly identified as the manager of the Den and Lair in the Lair story run in the Feb. 17 issue of the Trumpet. Ide's title is food service management assistant. Peg Brase is the Den and Lair manager. The Trumpet regrets the error.



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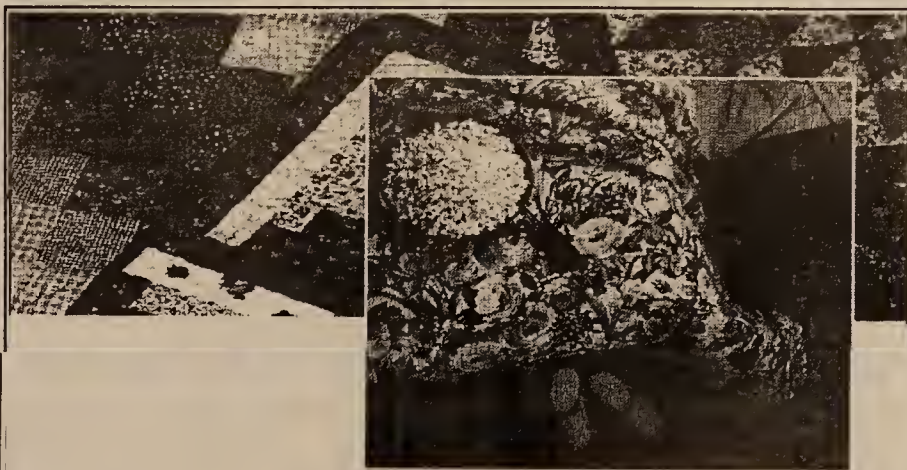
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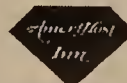
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Students go 'crazy' for theater

The musical "Crazy For You" was a magnificent blend of dancing, singing and lots of laughter with great acting by all who participated.

by Ashley Thompson
Staff writer

Wartburg was crazy for theater last weekend as the student-directed musical, "Crazy For You" opened its doors to Wartburg students, faculty, staff and the public.

Strong singing, flashy dances, mistaken identities and lots of laughter characterized the numerous sounds emanating from Neumann Auditorium this past weekend.

The musical, performed Thursday, Friday and Sunday nights, was a success. The actors, director, pit orchestra members and stage-hands all saw the rewards of their work by hearing the positive reaction that came from the audience.

The musical was masterfully directed by sophomore, Adam Bellin, who made his directorial debut with the production. Bellin said he was very happy with the way the show went.

"Wow, it was incredible. I was ecstatic. It went very well, I was so happy I was jumping up and down in the booth," said Bellin.

Bellin began preparing for this event the beginning of last semester. The cast was chosen and rehearsals began at the beginning of Winter term. Rehearsals lasted only seven weeks.

Approximately 100 people, including a 35-member cast, were involved in some aspect of the show. According to Bellin, lots of hard work, dedication and many hours were contributed to the production

of this event.

This popular Gershwin musical takes place during the 1930s in Deadrock, Nev., and New York City. It features such well-known songs as "I've Got Rhythm," "Someone to Watch Over Me" and "Embraceable You."

The story centers on a budding New York actor and dancer named Bobby Child, played by junior Michael Van Gorkom, who is trying to break into the New York theater scene. His mother, a banker, sends him to Deadrock to foreclose on a theater. Once there, he falls in love with the only woman in Deadrock, Polly Baker, played by sophomore Shelly Marshall.

In an attempt to save the theater, Bobby and Polly agree to put on a show. Stretched in different ways by a pushy fiancé, an overbearing mother and a low-down scoundrel, Bobby and Polly finally manage to get the show underway. Along the way, they manage to fall in love.

Marshall mastered all areas: dancing, singing and acting. Her acting prowess was evident as she seemed to become her character, Polly Baker.

Some of the best singing in the show was done by the cowboy trio, consisting of senior Matt Armstrong, junior Jeremy Brummond and sophomore Chad Busta. Their two songs were lighthearted, amusing and vocally superb.

The idea to have a musical this year came from Bellin. He said that he thought people might want to do a musical and it didn't sound like anyone else was going to do one, so he took it upon himself.

"I did this just simply because I love theater," said Bellin.

Bellin had two faculty advisers and received great cooperation from administration and student government to fund the production.



Photos by Heather Simpson
CRAZY FOR SINGING AND DANCING—At top, juniors Ben Anderson (left) and Michael Van Gorkom mirror each other while singing, drinking and lamenting women. Van Gorkom's character, Bobby, impersonated Bela Zangler (Anderson), which led to much confusion and laughter.

At right, from left to right, freshman Kara Mills and sophomores Rachel Hill and Sonja Anderson kickstep their way into the hearts of the audience members and the cowboys of Deadrock upon their arrival to the small Nevada town.



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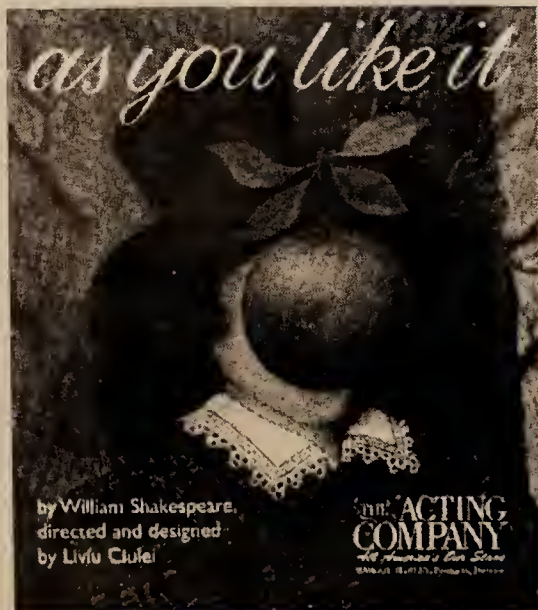
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Editorial

RAM disappears

The Information Age. Whoo-woo. Technology and stuff. Computers, automated everything, the Jetsons are almost here. How come there was never a Jetsons episode where George forgot his password for his e-mail account? Or a scene when he couldn't pay Rosie the maid/robot because he couldn't remember his PIN (Personal Identification Number) for his ATM (Automated Teller Machine) card?

This is a much tougher Age than all the positive hype it's getting. The instructions on the ATM cards say "DO NOT write down your PIN." The e-mail instructions I received as a freshman say don't write down a password. Don't use words that are familiar. Don't use your name. It has to be more than five characters long. It can't be a noun. It shouldn't be predictable, like your name, your initials.

Basically, it shouldn't be anything you could easily remember. And you shouldn't write it down.

What a terrible time to be hitting information overload. Bunches of mid-term tests. Things to do before you go wherever for break. And I can't even remember the code to my dorm. My personal desktop (brain) recently ran out of RAM (Randomly-if-ever Accessed Memory).

On the coldest night ever, I went back to my dorm after the doors were locked expecting to use the new code. Three months of using one code and all it took was memorizing a new one to bump the old one off my desktop. Fifty futile attempts later I decided to call and wake up my roommate.

But before using my one unfrozen digit to call, I should have known better than to try and fail at remembering my e-mail password. The one good thing to come out of memory loss is at least now I can tell my parents that I have to get money out of the ATM every Wednesday so I don't forget my PIN.

Eric Allen, editor

Letter

'Love thy neighbor'

I found last week's letter to the *Trumpet* addressing homosexuality troubling. The authors of the letter state that they were "not judging anyone with this article," but I'm not sure how it could be taken otherwise.

To point out what you perceive to be a fault in others and publish it in a newspaper is not only making a judgment, it is calling for others to make one as well. Speaking of God's laws, whatever happened to "Love thy neighbor as thyself?" How many of us would care to be ostracized for our actions?

While some may find it ironic that this message from Italy about homosexuality applies to Wartburg, I find it more ironic that we use Jesus as an excuse for division and separation.

Renee Pohlman, junior

Column

Minnesota Gov. correct, Des Moines needs help

A war of words and empty threats played out last week across the border between Minnesota and Iowa. Boycotts were proposed and the state militias were readied. Minnesota prepared to take a stand at Albert Lea, while Iowa Governor Terry Branstad pledged to fight on until the Mall of America had fallen.

The cause of all of this posturing and heated rhetoric? Had Minnesota threatened to impose interstate tariffs on hog imports? Or worse yet, had Minnesota been implicated in a failed assassination attempt on Hawkeye Head Football Coach Hayden Fry? The source of this controversy, however, turns out to be much less pernicious but just as acrimonious.

The Governor of Minnesota, Arne Carlson, had stated in an interview that the city of Des Moines (not the entire state of Iowa, mind you) was "dead." The implication being that Des Moines was socially and culturally impoverished and lacking in entertainment opportunities. Des Moines, quite simply, could not match the standards set by that cosmopolitan mecca to the north, the Twin Cities.

This seemingly offhand remark was met with cries of indignation and demands of an apology from Governor Branstad and other Iowa officials. Governor Carlson, however, refused to make amends for his remarks. He was, as his press secretary indicated, just calling things as he saw them. Indeed, his comments hardly seemed fodder for interstate warfare.



Pat
Hennes

Ceteris
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Perhaps if Carlson had maligned the Hawkeyes' hoopsters there would be reason to take serious umbrage. Coming off the Gophers' second straight win against the surprisingly respectable Hawks, however, even this position could hardly be considered unjustified.

Since the border battle began last Monday, however, the dust seems to have settled and the air appears to have been cleared. The state of Iowa has weathered the storm and like any good prizefighter has emerged bruised and battered but still standing. In the meantime, Minnesotans (if they ever took notice of this skirmish at all) have gone back to their symphonies, art museums, professional sports, beloved Gophers and the consecrated act of ice fishing. Iowans have returned to more important issues as well, back to the Hawkeyes and the hog reports.

What can be learned from this lesson in the sanctity of Statehood? Perhaps most instructive is the conduct of Iowa's Governor-for-Life Terry Branstad. For a man with rumored Presidential aspirations, one might assume that there would be more significant issues at hand than an interstate game of "Is so, Is not."

As for Des Moines, dump the remarkably unremarkable "SmartLife" slogan and look into more exciting projects, such as the controversial TropicDome. Look into anything that could offer a sense of rejuvenation to your much beleaguered city. Setting aside the heated rhetoric of the latest border battle, Iowans deserve better.

Letter

Venture Ed requires good planning for a good time

As co-directors of the global and multicultural studies programs, we would like to take this opportunity to provide information on some of the basic characteristics of the Venture Education programs available at Wartburg.

Aside from the traditional type of study abroad which allows students to enroll in classes at another institution, students also have the opportunity to become integrated into the community at the grassroots level through our Diers Programs.

This type of study offers students the opportunity to engage in conversations with a community while taking classes arranged with professors here. Service learning, internship and course offerings are also available through our affiliation with other programs such as Boston University and Partnership for Service Learning.

The program which was mentioned in a past issue of the *Trumpet* was our exchange program with Jena in Germany.

An exchange program allows students from both institutions to participate in the other institution's program while paying the home tuition.

Thus, Wartburg has the opportunity to send students to Jena and Jena sends students to Wartburg. With our program in Jena, students pay Wartburg tuition (the minimum cost of any Wartburg Venture Ed program) and provide for their own room and board while in Germany.

Many programs operate in this manner. Students at Concordia, Minn., for example pay tuition, room and board, then receive a stipend equivalent to their *room and board fees* that they have already paid to Concordia.

Course credit for study at universities abroad is typically calculated according to semester hour equivalencies (3.5 semester hours = 1 course credit).

Since most universities abroad do not publish their offerings until shortly before the semester begins, we give general advice regarding enrollment before students leave Wartburg and then follow up with more specific advice through our university contacts abroad and through direct communication (preferably e-mail) with our students there.

We suggest to any student interested in studying abroad

that they visit first with their academic adviser to discuss the best time to study abroad. Second, students should visit with one of us or Judy Torgerson, the Cultural Immersions Manager in the Diers House.

Before students leave for their destination, we ask them to complete a checklist which provides us with information on their preparedness and allows us to offer them advice and additional suggestions for making their experience a positive one.

Torgerson maintains contact with our students providing them with information requested or passing on additional comments to us.

Students who have participated in Venture Education programs in the past have provided us with feedback on how their experiences could have been enhanced, and we are very open to comments on how to make Venture Education a better experience.

Participating in Venture Education can be a very rewarding experience, but it is also one which requires good planning and preparation.

Kim Folkers and Janice Yee,
co-directors for global and
multicultural studies

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Letter

Admitting high-risk students stifles competitive move up

This letter is in response to the front page article "Questioning Admissions" in the Feb. 10 *Trumpet*.

As past president of the Wartburg chapter of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) and member of the editorial board of the Wartburg AAUP Newsletter, I wish to correct several facts and to comment on implications contained in the *Trumpet* article.

The AAUP Newsletter did not call for a review of admissions standards for entering students. The newsletter reported concerns about the large number of committee cases that were not reviewed by the full Admissions and Scholarship Committee (ASC).

The ASC consists of the director of admissions, the registrar, the director of financial aid, a member of the student life staff and three academic faculty members. (There are students on ASC, but they do not vote on committee cases).

In ASC parlance, "committee cases" are students who do not meet Wartburg's admissions standards (see page 211 of the college catalog). Members of ASC recognize that there are students who do not measure up to the minimum entry standards, but who demonstrate other strengths that mean they might be able to succeed at Wartburg and deserve the chance to try

(i.e., be admitted).

When I was on ASC a few years back, we often struggled with the issue of admitting a student who had very little chance of success at Wartburg versus a student who was weak academically but showed real promise if only given the chance. Each case was a tough call. We faculty members were particularly sensitive to the ethics of taking a student's tuition money when the student had very little chance of "making it" at Wartburg.

My second concern is that the ACT composite for incoming first-year students has dropped one full point the past two years, as correctly reported in the newsletter. In addition, the newsletter reported that the academic performance of committee case students in the fall term was disproportionately weak.

Measures such as ACT scores, rankings in the top 10% of a high school class, first-year retention rates and graduation rates are critical to Wartburg's listing in U. S. News & World Report's ranking of America's Best Colleges, for example. So exceptions to admissions standards and retention of first-year students at Wartburg do impact the college's academic reputation! An increase in numbers of marginal first-year students is a potential lose-lose situation, for those students and the college.

But no one blinked when the

Nov. 5 issue of the AAUP Newsletter first reported that the academic profile of the incoming class had declined for the second year in a row. We were too busy celebrating the record fall enrollment.

Then the Jan. 22 newsletter identified the likely reason for the drop in the quality of the class of 2000, and it hit the proverbial fan. Administrators, particularly the director of admissions, accused the newsletter of distorting the truth. The *Trumpet* cited a number of administrators who denied that there was anything different about this incoming class of new students or who tried to gloss over the importance of the class's ACT composite average.

The fact is that Wartburg is a select college. We deserve to be ranked in the Best Colleges in America listing. But why are we satisfied with being in the fourth tier of those colleges? Why not attempt to move upwards to the third tier?

Instead of shooting the messenger -- in this case the AAUP Newsletter and its editor, Professor Greg Scholtz -- those responsible should be striving to do something about the bad news by improving Wartburg's ranking relative to our competition.

Warren T. Zemke,
professor of chemistry

Letter

Professor points out tough stigma

In response to the letter to the editor "Turning point reached" in the Feb. 17 issue of the *Trumpet*:

I, too, was a speaker at the GABLES and Friends forum on Feb. 4. It must be noted that in no way was significant time available for any one of the speakers to fully develop his or her point of view. Susan Hill made this point at the dinner, stating that the Biblical view of homosexuality was a complex subject that would require much discussion, thought and debate. Biblical scholars disagree significantly on the Bible's view of homosexuality.

While I am in no way an expert on the Bible, I am a Christian, and I have worked with gay teens for the past several years. The young men I counseled were, with few exceptions, intelligent, talented young men who loved their families, had pride in their country, compassion towards others and a strong faith in God -- the kind of young people most of us would consider to possess positive moral and ethical values. Their most significant struggle was with their own negative self-image, due in large part to the environment in which most of them had been raised. A home, school and church environment where they were perpetually exposed to a message that said there was something wrong with them, that they would never "fit in."

With the stigma that society places on being gay, and the lack of access to positive gay role models, most gay teens have less than a fighting chance of developing a positive sense of who they are. Is it any wonder that so many of them lose hope, often turning to drugs, alcohol and other self-destructive behaviors? Is it any wonder that many "pretend" to be straight in order to fit in, often marrying, starting families and living unhappy, dishonest lives? Any intelligent, compassionate, Christian person should be outraged by this. Perhaps the most visible gay people are not always those who make us the most comfortable. I would suggest to you that for every visible gay person, there are a half dozen who are silent because they are terrified that they will be rejected by friends, family or co-workers if they are honest about who they are. You study with these people, work with them and laugh with them every day, whether you realize it or not.

I was raised with the same rural midwestern values as most people at Wartburg. It wasn't until I was touched by the issue in a very personal way that I was forced to confront my own prejudices. To me, the "sin" is not in being homosexual, but in being close-minded and judgmental towards an issue, a human being, that we may not fully understand. We need look no further than the example of Jesus Christ to know how to deal with this. Christ embraced those who were rejected by society. He also chastised those who were quick to find fault with others without first examining themselves.

We, as a society, as a community, as Christians, need to get over this whole homosexuality issue and value each individual based on his or her own merit, not on who they choose to give their heart to.

Professor Matthew Armstrong,
lecturer in music

Letter

Gospels skip homosexuality

I would like the Wartburg community to know that not all Christians think the way Toby Gibbs and Andrew Vickers do about the Bible's condemnation of homosexuality. We, as Christians, including Mr. Gibbs and Mr. Vickers, are all sinners. Our sins are no better or worse than anyone else's.

Jesus loves all of us, regardless of whether we are Christian or non-Christian, gay or straight. Examples of his unconditional love are stated throughout the Gospels.

Of the Bible verses that are listed in Mr. Gibbs' and Vickers' letter, none of the passages are from the Gospels. This is because the Bible does not address homosexuality in any of the Gospels, which is what we as Christians base our faith on, not the Old Testament laws. There are Old Testament texts which speak out against homosexuality, and there are even some Epistles in the New Testament that do also. However, those Old Testament laws also state that women shall not touch anything sacred or go inside a temple for weeks after they give birth because she is unclean. In Paul's Epistle to Romans, he implies that women should be submissive to their husbands.

Mr. Gibbs and Mr. Vickers, do

you want husbands to keep their wives from going to church during this time after giving birth in an attempt to follow God's "unwavering" law? I bet you do not. Do you expect wives to be submissive to their husbands' wishes? I hope not. Yet if I understand you correctly, you are deciding for yourselves based on your own personal feelings which of God's "unwavering laws" are the right ones for the Wartburg community to live by. If a reminder is in order about what a select few non-Gospel books say in the Bible about the condemnation of homosexuals, why not remind us of all the laws from the Old Testament? If God's law is unwavering then we must follow all of them, correct? Actually the answer is no! If we lived by all the laws of the Old Testament, we could not live Christ-like lives and therefore would not be Christians.

As Christians we are to follow the examples of Jesus. And yes, Jesus obeyed the laws, but he also broke them. He touched the unclean, he healed people on the Sabbath, and he was anointed by a prostitute. Jesus was put to death on the cross for disobeying these laws! Jesus' love for us hinges upon his life, death and resurrection. We as

Christians are called to follow the example of Jesus' love. We are called to challenge the millenniums old traditional laws that are not rooted in the Gospels. Jesus calls us to follow his examples by giving us two laws to live by in Matthew 22:37-39. He says, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind," and "Love your neighbor as yourself" (NIV). These are the words of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord! These are the laws that he gives us in response to the misinterpretations and abuses of the Old Testament laws.

Jesus tells us that before we can help our neighbor remove a speck of sawdust from their eye, we must first remove the plank from our own eye so that we can see clearly to help our neighbor. We all sin, even after we repent, so none of us have the right as Christians to publicly point out the alleged sin of another. Jesus desperately wants us to walk with him in the Kingdom of Heaven for eternity. We as Christians are not called to judge. We are called to love and bear witness to one another about the grace and salvation of Jesus Christ, regardless of race, gender, religion, ethnic background, or sexuality.

Jaime Bleess,
junior

Letter

Some things in Bible don't apply to today

We are concerned that the last letter to editor about views of homosexuality and the Bible was written by a member of the Wartburg Christian community. If one cannot separate the issues of faith and sexuality, it is important to remember that the Bible also teaches love for all.

The Christian tradition teaches that God is within us all. By judging others who are different, we are judging God. The Bible is written by people living in a time period much different from the one that we live in now. Yes, the Bible comments on homosexuality, however, it comments on many things that we do not need to live by in order to be good Christians.

For example, the Bible says that women are to be subservient to their husbands. Does that mean that we are all sinning in our fight for equality. Also, the book of Leviticus says that "you shall not tattoo any marks upon you." Does that mean that anyone who has a tattoo is a sinner? Ephesians chapter six condones and gives instructions for slavery, however, we do not have that practice anymore.

We reflect on all of the negative events on campus lately and wonder where our support for one another has gone? Instead of tearing each other down, why can't we come together and be proud of who we are and learn from our diversity. The community of Wartburg is white, non-white, straight, gay, man and woman. This is a reality and an advantage.

Rachel Chaput and Amy Geertsema,
sophomores

Healing Smiles



Before and after cleft lip surgery in the Philippines, where 160 volunteers reached out to help kids they didn't know.

Three Wartburg journalists document a surgeon's mission to help children

by Eric Allen
Editor

Jerome Palma, 11, loves basketball. He loves to play outside with his friends, loves to ride his bicycle. And Jerome loves to smile. But his smile won't put you at ease. It will probably make you sad. It may even make you angry.

Jerome has a unilateral cleft lip: a single gap near the middle of his upper lip that exposes a deformed tooth and gum. It doesn't hurt. He's got a personality that will win you over, but kids make fun of him. People stare at him. He doesn't get the same chances to succeed. In fact, he hasn't been allowed to go to school, yet. He's been sheltered.

John Canady is a plastic surgeon at the University of Iowa Hospitals. He loves kids and he loves helping people. He says he knows it sounds cliché, but through his work he says he can make a difference. Don't even try that "it's only a few kids" stuff. He sees right through it.

Dr. Canady can bring Jerome's cleft lip together, and through an organization started in 1982 called Operation Smile, he's been given the chance to make that difference for hundreds of kids who otherwise wouldn't get it. On Friday, Feb. 14, Valentine's Day, Canady gave Jerome a 45-minute surgery for free that would have cost a lower-class, Filipino family of four approximately two years wages, or \$1,000.

Jerome is not the only beneficiary. Operation Smile volunteers working for two weeks in Lucena repaired approximately 70 cleft lips or palates. There were four other sites in the Philippines, bringing the total to more than 400 free surgeries.

The surgeries aren't really free, of course. They're donated. They're donated by a network of people who say they have had a fortunate life and want to give something to someone who hasn't been as fortunate.

Hospitals donate surgery tools. An airline brought 50 boxes of supplies to Lucena, at least 8,000 miles away from the U.S. by plane, free of charge.

Then three plastic surgeons, five anesthesiologists, nine nurses, one child life specialist, a pediatrician, an orthodontist, a biomedical technician and a geneticist showed up. Israel, Australia, Spain, Iowa. From all around the world they came to Lucena.

None are paid. Some of their co-workers ask them "How was your vacation?" when they return to their jobs.

"It's hardly what you would consider a vacation," says Tracey Thorimbert, an OR (Operating Room) nurse from Maryland.

The hospital facilities are unsanitary compared to the United States. Thorimbert hung surgery gloves over a pipe to dry so they could be used again. The power cut out twice during the first day of surgery. It's hot. It's humid. But at least 160 volun-



teers this month in the Philippines didn't care.

It's unusual that a child born in the U.S. would not have the surgery done as a baby, according to Canady.

That's far from the case in the Philippines. It's a developing country. Simple sanitation problems push the resiliency of the human body to the limit. Mounds of garbage sit only a few feet from a river where a mother washes her laundry, her dishes, herself and her children.

"These parents feel the same about their kids as you do about yours and I do about mine. They're still they're kids," Canady says.

More than 100 patients showed up for the first day of screening. Older children, like Jerome, and adults are lower priority because they have already learned how to eat, talk and survive with their cleft. One knows, painfully, that the older children and adults understand the hurt of ridicule and prejudice more than the children do at the time.

Some families started traveling two days before the screening to make it to Lucena.

At the Quezon Memorial Hospital in Lucena, there were lines to wait in, forms to fill out, and four checkpoints just for the screening process. Not everyone was treated.

Nobody complained.

Canady says the trip never fails to put things in perspective.

"A lot of the little things that eat away at you go away because you can see that they really are little things," Canady says.

The Philippines has an abnormally high concentration of cleft lips and palates. Besides surgery, Operation Smile missions focus



PRE-SURGERY—Above, Marissa Galacia, a medical student from Virginia, relaxes with Jerome Palma, an 11-year-old from Badreburgos, a small town near Lucena in the Philippines. Below, Wartburg Channel 13 Station Manager Tim Stockman, *Trumpet* Editor Eric Allen and McElroy Chair in Communication Arts Liz Mathis pose for a photo before following Jerome into surgery. Mathis airs her story tomorrow and Wednesday night on KWWL at 10 p.m. Stockman is putting together a documentary for Ch. 13.

on teaching Filipinos to improve their nutrition and sanitation.

There are limits on what can be accomplished because of the restricted equipment, time and money.

Operation Smile runs on corporate and private donations. A teacher and two students from New Orleans, La. followed up on seeing what happened with the \$25,000 they raised for Operation Smile by spending a week helping out at the Lucena site.

"Of all the time I spend teaching in a classroom," said Judy Demarest, "I can't begin to teach what these kids can learn in this week."

One can hear in her voice the passion she has for this project.

"A whole change happens in the child, not just the face," says Demarest. "And it affects the whole family. If you can do that, if you can change somebody's life, you know, that's monumental. That's not just something to

sneeze at...it really isn't. You give them a chance to live a happier, healthier life, and it's worth it."

Jerome's surgery was on Friday. In the "prep" room, where Child Life Specialist Marisol Montilla explained the surgery process to kids using puppets, Jerome was relaxed. He, Montilla and Marissa Galacia, a medical student, hit a beach ball back and forth. Ready, he smiled.

"A smile shows within you how you feel about yourself, and you can show another person how you feel about them," says Montilla.

On Saturday Jerome's parents said they were thankful for Operation Smile and for the doctors who helped their son.

"A smile means a new life for these kids," says Galacia.

Jerome's smile meant Canady knew he had made a difference.

"It's really about much more than closing a lip or a cleft palate," says Canady.



SURGERY—Dr. John Canady, a plastic surgeon at the University of Iowa Hospitals, made his fourth trip to the Philippines with Operation Smile. His first surgery this trip was on Jerome, an 11-year-old whose cleft lip would bring so much ridicule he hasn't been allowed to go to school, yet. To see more pictures, view the *Trumpet* Online: www.wartburg.edu/trumpet. To learn more about Operation Smile, view this site: www.operationsmile.org.



Photo by Heather Fink

FLYIN' HIGH—Sophomore James Leemhuis takes the lead in the 55-meter high hurdles at Luther on Saturday. Leemhuis finished third in the event, and the team took first at the invitational with 181 points. The women ended the day 51 points behind Luther.

Wartburg finishes first, second at Luther Invite

by Amy Wagner
Staff Writer

The Wartburg men's and women's track teams spent Saturday afternoon at the Luther Invitational. The men won the meet with 181 points, and the women's team placed second with 195 points.

"This meet was real encouraging to see how we finished ... It makes me excited to see what happens when we get to the official Conference Championships," said Johnson.

Men

The men just dominated the track, placing first in 10 events and setting two new school records.

The men ran well in the 5000 meters. Dion Braet ran a career best, placing first with a time of 15 minutes, 13.93 seconds and broke the indoor school record.

Provisionally qualifying in the triple jump, Chris Shannon jumped 46 feet, 2 1/2 inches, and placed first.

Coming across the line with smiles on their faces, Matt Wiley, Ryan Harms and Josh Lyons grabbed first, second and third in the open 800-meter run. They ran times of 1:59.4, 1:59.6 and 2:03.40.

In the 4x200 meter and the 4x400 meter, the men dominated once again, placing first in both event with times of 91.84 and 3:24.97. Freshman Josh Wedemeier replaced one person in each event.

"Josh did a really great job as a freshman and it was exciting watching him run

in those events," said Johnson.

In the shot put the Knights placed second and third with throws of 48' 10" and 48' 1" by Chris Reade and Joel Rochford. It was a lifetime best for Reade.

TJ Craig placed first in the 3000 meters with a time of 9:15.42.

Women

Battling sickness, the women proved their toughness, and managed to set numerous career bests.

Setting the tempo of the meet, Emily Ott and Angie Busche place first and third in the 5000-meter run with times of 18:43.60 and 19:41.86.

"I am excited about the number of people that are running fast times this early in the season," said Emily Ott.

Dawn Digmann continues to improve her throws. She placed first in the shot put with a throw of 42' 4 1/4".

In the open 400-meter run, freshman Jeanette Olson set a school record, running a time of 60.67. Two career bests were set in the 3000-meter run. Heidi Ludvigsen and Julie Leonard Place second and fourth with times of 10:44.98 and 11:17.61.

Erin Ries ran a career best in the 1000 meters with a time of 3:15.46.

Winning the open 800-meter run, Trina Steines with a time of 2:20.46, and Sarah Gabel followed her with a time of 2:28.86.

Next Friday national qualifiers will be going to the Iowa State Indoor.

Baseball, softball teams head for warmer climes

by Jim Licko and Erin Sandquist
Staff Writers

The baseball and softball teams have big plans for Winter Term Break, as they take off for Florida and California to play some ball and get some sun.

Panama City, Fla.

The Knights take this southern trip to get ready for the season, according to Head Baseball Coach Joel Holst.

"The trip is a big plus because we get a lot of games in before other schools in the conference get to play at all," said co-captain Kyle Knudson.

The team starts its twenty-hour bus ride Friday, and plays ten games in the following six days.

With a Division II team and the winningest team in Division III history on the schedule, the trip may not be all fun in the sun.

"We've got to be ready to play as soon as we step off the bus," said co-captain Brian Nelson.

The team has free time in Florida, and the possibilities are endless.

"During the day we get to go to the beaches or rent a boat and go fishing," Knudson said.

Despite all of these activities, a favorite aspect is simply the weather.

"It's sunny and above 70 degrees everyday. It really has an effect on the quality of the games," said Derek Hartl.

"We have an opportunity to play the game that we've been playing inside for a month," said Holst. "It also gives the team a better chance to come together and really learn a lot about each other."

Going south for a week allows the team to get early games in and grow as a

team. It also sets the tone for the season.

"I think it's important that we get started off on the right foot on the trip. It would really be a positive experience to start the season off playing some solid baseball," said Holst.

California Dreamin'

On Saturday March 1, the softball team leaves for an eight-day trip to California. The team will take 24 players.

They will play California Lutheran, University of LaVerne, UC-San Diego, Azusa and Chapman University. Four of the five teams are Division III.

The purpose of this trip is to get some playing in before the start of the regular season.

"Our main goal for the season is to win the Iowa Conference title," said Head Coach Robin Hoppenworth.

The competition the team faces in California gives them more experience before IAC competition starts on April 8.

Hoppenworth has her team working in live game situations to prepare for the stiff competition. They've practiced six days a week since Feb. 1 to prepare for the trip.

While in California, the team has two free days with no games. One of the days will be spent at Disneyland and the beach.

The trip will involve hard work from the players, but they are looking forward to the break and having fun.

"We are really excited for the season. Hopefully we will have fun and come back with lots of wins and a tan," said Kara Caspers, senior outfielder.

This is the team's first trip to California. No decisions have been made about next year's trip, but Hoppenworth said the team may head to Florida.

This Week's Knight Action

Iowa Conference Wrestling Tournament at University of Dubuque

FINAL TEAM RESULTS

Team	Qual.	Points
Wartburg	9	192.0
Loras	3	143.0
Simpson	6	142.0
Buena Vista	4	123
Luther	2	75.5
Upper Iowa	1	63.0
Central	1	62.0
Dubuque	0	59.0
Wm. Penn	0	5.0

118 POUNDS

QUARTERFINALS—Ryan Cunningham bye; FIRST—Cunningham threw Jay Field (BV), 2:22.

126 POUNDS

QUARTERFINALS—Tom Smith bye; FIRST—Smith technical fall over Matt Young (Sim), 16-1, 6:40.

134 POUNDS

QUARTERFINALS—Dusty Rhodes technical fall over Robbie Renfrow (Lut), 20-5; SEMIFINALS—Rhodes dec. Rick Healey (Lor), 11-3; FIRST—Rhodes dec. Hatfield, 14-5.

142 POUNDS

QUARTERFINALS—Kevin Miller technical fall over Austin Reed (UIU), 20-5; SEMIFINALS—Greg Breeding (Cen) dec. Miller, 4-3; CONSOLATION SEMIFINALS—Miller dec. Jason Halupnick (Lor), 16-5; THIRD—Ryan Schweitzerberger (BV) dec. Miller, 13-7.

150 POUNDS

QUARTERFINALS—Greg Halsor threw Luke Luensman (Dub), 24-8; FIRST—Cory Christensen (Sim) dec. Halsor, 12-3.

158 POUNDS

QUARTERFINALS—Brian Roberts dec. Bill Peach (UIU), 10-2; FINALS—Ricky Casarez (Lor) dec. Roberts, 5-3.

167 POUNDS

QUARTERFINALS—Mike Alesch dec. Matt Stannke (UIU), 12-4; SEMIFINALS—Alesch dec. Jim Rotert (Cen), 8-5; FIRST—Alesch dec. Friedhof, 3-2.

177 POUNDS

QUARTERFINALS—Chris Ortnier technical fall over Cliff Youngberg (Lut), 23-5; SEMIFINALS—Ortnier dec. Nuyen

Harper (Lor), 6-4; FIRST—Ryan Birt (UIU) dec. Ortnier, 3-1 OT.

190 POUNDS

QUARTERFINALS—Ben Jobgen dec. Sean Sanger, 16-6; SEMIFINALS—Garth McGraw dec. Jobgen, 5-3; CONSOLATION SEMIFINALS—Jobgen technical fall over Nadeau, 25-10; THIRD—Matt Kruger (BV) dec. Jobgen, 11-3.

HEAVYWEIGHT

FIRST ROUND—Matt Powelka technical fall over Chris Lyness, 17-2; QUARTERFINALS—Powelka dec. Jessie Moore (Lor), 7-4; SEMIFINALS—Powelka dec. Mark Bell (Lut), 3-1 OT; FIRST—Jeremy Whalen (Sim) dec. Powelka, 4-3.

WARTBURG'S QUALIFIERS FOR THE NATIONAL TOURNAMENT March 7-8, Ada, Ohio.

118, Ryan Cunningham; 126, Tom Smith; 134, Dusty Rhodes; 150, Greg Halsor; 158, Brian Roberts; 167, Mike Alesch; 177, Chris Ortnier; HWT., Matt Powelka; WILD-CARD (142), Kevin Miller.

Women's Indoor Track and Field at Luther

TEAM SCORING—1. Luther 246.0; 2. Wartburg 195.0; 3. Buena Vista 58.0; 4. Central 41.0; 5. Dubuque 2.0.

55 M—2. Barb White, 7.59. 55 M HIGH HURDLES—2. Heather Fink, 9:06. 500 M—1. Emily Ott, 18:43.6; 3. Angie Busche, 19:41.86. 4x200—1. Wartburg, 1:50.34; 1500 M—2. Trina Steines, 4:57.09; 3. Kel Hocker, 5:03.03. 400 M—2. Jeanette Olson, 60.67. 1000 M—2. Erin Ries, 3:15.46. 200 M—1. Nikki Kimball, 26.79; 3. Barb White, 27.15. 300 M—2. Heidi Ludvigson, 10:44.98. 4x800—3. Wartburg, 10:38.51. 4x400—2. Wartburg, 4:10.23. SHOT PUT—1. Dawn Digmann, 42-4 1/4 (Provisional National Qualifier); 3. Amy Sullivan, 38-2 1/4. 800 M—1. Trina Steines, 2:20.46. 20-POUND WEIGHT—2. Dawn Digmann, 38-9.

Men's Indoor Track and Field at Luther

TEAM SCORING—1. Wartburg 181.0; 2. Luther 135.0; 3. Central 104.0; 4. Buena Vista 103.0; 5. Upper Iowa 28.0; 6. Dubuque 2.0.

55 M HURDLES—1. Chris Shannon, 7.79 (Provisional National Qualifier); 3. James Leemhuis, 8.19. 55 M—2. Steve Boblenz, 6.60. 5000 M—1. Dion Braet, 15:13.93; 3. TJ Craig, 15:48.23. 4x200—1. Wartburg, 91.84. 1500 M—2. Ryan Harms, 4:03.54. 400 M—2. Trevor Shannon, 1:11.19. 800 M—1. Matt Wiley, 1:59.4; 2. Ryan Harms, 1:59.6; 3. Josh Lyons, 2:03.4. 1000 M—3. John Bergman, 2:41.29. 200 M—1. Steve Boblenz, 22.89; 3. Chris Shannon, 23.29. 3000 M—1. TJ Craig, 9:15.42. 4x800—1. Wartburg, 8:11.55. 4x400—1. Wartburg, 3:24.97. Triple Jump—1. Chris Shannon, 46-2 1/2 (Provisional National Qualifier). SHOT PUT—2. Chris Reade, 48-10; 3. Joel Rochford, 48-0 3/4. HIGH JUMP—James Leemhuis, 6-6 1/4.

Iowa Conference Basketball Standings

standings through games of Saturday, Feb. 22

Women			Men		
Team	IAC	Overall	Team	IAC	Overall
Luther	12-1	17-4	Buena Vista	11-2	17-5
Buena Vista	11-2	17-4	Simpson	10-5	17-7
Wartburg	10-3	14-7	William Penn	8-5	11-11
Loras	8-5	13-8	Upper Iowa	8-6	15-8
Central	7-6	10-7	Luther	6-7	10-12
Simpson	6-9	11-13	Wartburg	6-7	9-12
Upper Iowa	4-10	9-14	Loras	6-7	9-12
Dubuque	1-12	9-13	Central	5-8	10-12
William Penn	1-12	4-17	Dubuque	0-13	0-22



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THURSDAY

TUESDAY

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SUPER SPECIALS FOR BOTH NITES
2 FER DRINKS - PROGRESSIVE PITCHERS
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2 FERS + \$4.00 Pitchers 11:30 to 7:00

\$1.50 Drinks + \$4.25 Pitchers 7:00 to 10:00

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All Parents, Players & Fans Welcome

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Brian Van De Berg



Wartburg, ready to rumble

By now everyone knows that the big game, no, THE BIG GAME is this Tuesday. Are you going to be there?

I know some guys who are going to be there. Hey, you might know them too. In one guess you can easily say "Hebron Ground." In one answer I'll tell you you're right.

I can only guess that this band of ruthless, hyperactive fans will be there. I can also assume that Hebron Ground will be backed up, if not lead by, our very own cross-country team.

Everyone knows by now that our cross country team and the entire Luther College have a wonderful relationship. Some people call it "war."

I have a good feeling that Luther will have a pretty big crowd. At the last game between the two teams, Luther outnumbered us in the stands by about a 4-to-1 margin.

Then again, that game was in Decorah and this one is here, so let's get busy, people.

The time has come for the entire student body to support our athletes. If I'm not mistaken, I do believe that there are over 1,400 students who go to school here.

Now I know in my last column I was pretty hard on the campus, but this game is big.

I have even heard rumors that people might not find seats in Knights Gymnasium. I know that someone from Hebron Ground will be saving seats before six o'clock.

If you couldn't tell by now, I really admire superfans. You can always count on them; the cross country team, for one. Whenever they do something, you know it's going to be big. "Have you seen my hat?"

Other than the cross team, there is only one more group of superfans on campus. Hebron Ground will be meeting for their final time at the Luther game.

That's right, unless a miracle happens and they all are entered into a 75% freshman hall next year, this will be the final meeting of the superfans from Hebron Gound.

So for all the Wartburg Knights out there who haven't seen these guys in action, now is your chance. Basically, now is your only chance.

If I'm not mistaken, all the Hebron Ground guys will be wearing their patented orange stocking hats all day Tuesday.

Now, I don't know if the cross team has anything planned, but if they do, everyone better look out.

These two groups of superfans are outstanding and unstoppable.

"You can't stop them, you can only hope to contain them."

Wrestlers qualify nine; dominate IIAC Tourney

Division III's second-ranked Knights made Wartburg wrestling history Friday at the Iowa Conference Tournament, bringing home Wartburg's fifth consecutive IIAC championship.

by Chad Gade
Staff Writer

Standard finish, unprecedented achievement.

Once again, the Wartburg wrestling team grabbed a first place finish at the Iowa Conference Tournament at Dubuque Friday.

However, this year's finish was especially sweet for the Knights, as it marks a school record fifth year in a row they've captured the IIAC title.

"Coach Miller is building a dynasty," Tom Smith said. "It's a tribute to him."

Wartburg tallied 171.5 points, sending eight wrestlers into the final matches. Loras came in second at the meet with 143 points.

"We were hoping for a perfect day, but it's hard to do that

when you're in a quality conference," said Head Wrestling Coach Jim Miller.

At 118, freshman Ryan Cunningham took his first Iowa Conference title, pinning Buena Vista's Jay Field.

Chosen the meet's Outstanding Wrestler, Smith won his third consecutive IIAC title, winning by technical fall over Simpson's Matt Young.

Dusty Rhodes defended his conference title, defeating John Hatfield, 14-5, at 134.

At 167, Mike Alesch also took his second straight IIAC championship, winning 3-2 over Luther's Jeff Friedhof.

Greg Halsor, Brian Roberts and Chris Ortner and Matt Powelka all took second in their respective weights.

The eight wrestlers who qualified for the finals will make the trip to the National Tournament in Ada, Ohio, March 7-8. At 142, Kevin Miller was selected as a wild card to attend the tournament.

At 190, All-American Blake Williams did not wrestle at the tournament. He was replaced by Ben Jobgen, who's wrestled anywhere from 167 to 190 this year. Jobgen finished fourth.

Full results on page seven.



Photo by Nathan Friesen
THE ROAD TO THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS—Greg Halsor works in practice last week. The Knights captured the IIAC title for a school-record fifth consecutive year, and qualified nine for the Division III National Tournament, held March 7-8 in Ada, Ohio.

The rivalry continues...

If the women are to make the NCAA tournament a reality, a must-win week begins with arch-rival Luther Tuesday.

by Derek Miller
Staff Writer

Monica Severson won't have trouble motivating her team for tomorrow's game against arch-rival Luther.

"We have to win our last three games to get into the NCAA tournament," said the Wartburg head women's basketball coach.

Wartburg is currently ranked 10th in the NCAA Women's Division III regional rankings. A win over sixth-ranked Luther would impress the selection committee, which will only take eight teams from the region.

"This is a big deal," said senior point guard Laurie Wilkinson, "We must win to get to the national tournament."

Bragging rights are also on the line as the Knights battle the Norse. Luther currently has the upper hand, beating the Knights 63-59 in Decorah.

"We play better under pres-

sure, but we aren't under as much pressure as Luther is," said senior Dawn Matthias.

The Knights couldn't stop senior guard Julie James in their first meeting this season. James, an All-IIAC selection last year, burned the Knights for 22 points and 10 rebounds.

"In the first game, James got a lot of good looks at the basket," said Severson. "One of the biggest keys to the game is limiting the number of good looks that she has at the basket."

In the first meeting, the Knights played all man-to-man defense. This time, they plan to slow down Luther's up-tempo, fast-break offense by playing zone on missed shots.

The Knights come off their IIAC dead week and play on ten days' rest.

"I hope that we don't lose focus," said Severson. "Ten days is a lot to have off."

The Luther game is always the biggest game of the year for the players as well as the fans.

"It's always a very emotional game. It's great playing in Knights Gymnasium," said Matthias.

"The fans are right in our faces. It's definitely the most fun game of the year."

When the whistle blows and the clock starts tomorrow, all hype surrounding the Wartburg-Luther game will disappear.

by Kris Erickson
Staff Writer

Head Men's Basketball Coach Marty Simmons said he's always known about the Wartburg-Luther rivalry, but until 3,000 fans showed up at Luther's Regents Center, he didn't know how big it is.

"This is basically a regular game for me," said Simmons, because he has just one experience with the rivalry.

Hopefully the Wartburg community can change that.

"We are definitely excited, but once the game gets going, we need to concentrate on the game, block things out and execute," said Simmons.

The team is looking at tomorrow night's game as a chance to build, he said.

"We want to go 3-0 and finish in the upper half of the conference," said starting senior forward Rich Kloster.

Lately, Central and Simpson seem to be the teams to beat

because of their records. Younger students and players seem aware of the Luther rivalry, but don't get into it as much, said Kloster.

Bryan Meyers said the rivalry motivates the Knights.

"When we beat them on their home court, that got the team [Luther] motivated, and they'll be out for blood to get us back," said Meyers.

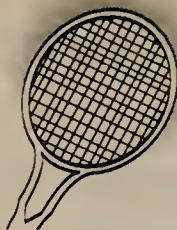
In January, the Knights won the 116th meeting between the teams, 78-74. Luther cut the Knights' lead to four late in the game, but Wartburg fought off the Norse and held on to win.

Meyers led the Knights with 27 points, and Kloster chipped in 15. The Norse were led by Tony Campbell's 24 points.

Campbell is a quick athlete who can score in a variety of ways. The Knights will focus on trying to shut him down, but Simmons said Luther has a lot of players who contribute.

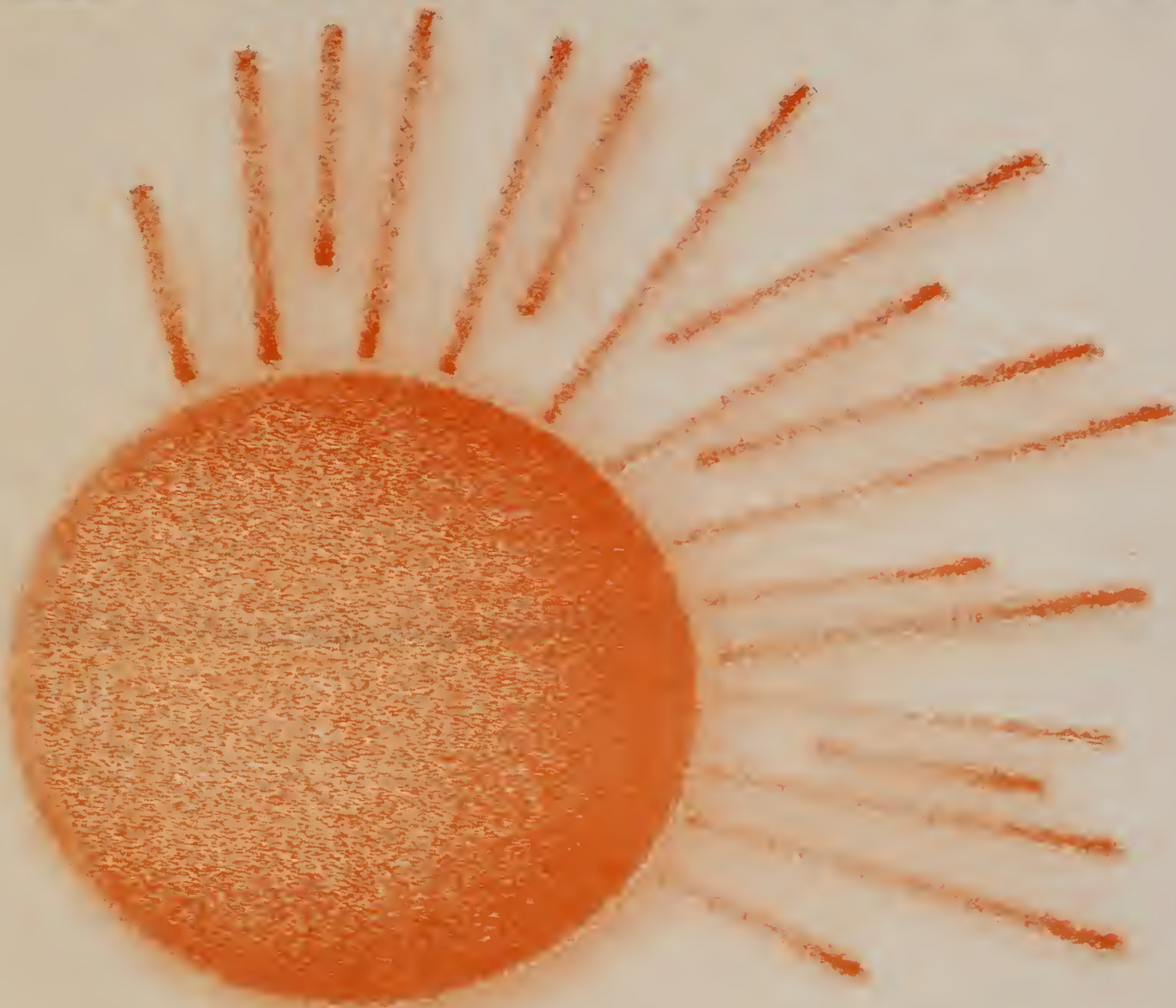
"Coach has been emphasizing to take care of what we need to do," said Kloster.

Executing on both defense and offense, pressuring Luther's shooters, strength on the defensive boards, and good shot selection are Simmons' keys to winning the game.



A PRESEASON LOOK AT WARTBURG ATHLETICS

SPRING SPORTS



SOFTBALL

March 3	California Lutheran University	Thousand Oaks, CA
March 4	University of La Verne	La Verne, CA
March 6	University of California at San Diego	La Jolla, CA
March 7	Chapman University	Orange, CA
March 8	Azusa Pacific University	Asuza, CA
March 21-22	Simpson Tourney	Indianola
March 26	Grand View	Waverly
April 3	St. Olaf	Northfield, MN
April 4-5	Augsburg Tournament	Minneapolis, MN
April 9	Simpson	Indianola
April 12	Loras	Dubuque
April 14	Coe	Waverly
April 19	Central	Waverly
April 22	Luther	Waverly
April 24	William Penn	Oskaloosa
April 26	Buena Vista	Storm Lake
April 29	Upper Iowa	Waverly
May 2	University of Dubuque	Waverly

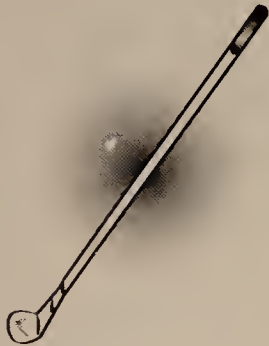
BASEBALL

March 1-7	Tournament	Panama City, FL
March 11	Missouri Western State College	St. Joseph, MO
March 12	Northwest Missouri State University	Maryville, MO
March 18	Macalester College	Metrodome, MN
March 19	St. Johns University	Metrodome, MN
March 23	Clarke	Waverly
March 27	Simpson	Indianola
March 31	University of Northern Iowa	Cedar Falls
April 2	William Penn	Oskaloosa
April 5	Upper Iowa	Waverly
April 10	Central	Waverly
April 12	Dubuque	Waverly
April 13	Mt. Mercy	Waverly
April 19	Luther	Waverly
April 22	Gustavus Adolphus	St. Peter, MN
April 24	Loras	Dubuque
April 26	Buena Vista	Storm Lake
April 28	Cornell	Mount Vernon
April 29	Grinnell	Waverly
May 2, 3, 9	IIAC Tournament	TBA
May 22	Central Regional	TBA

MEN'S GOLF

April 4-5	William Penn Invitational	Edmundson Golf course/Elmhurst County Club
April 8	Loras Invitational	Lacroma Golf Course
April 11-12	Wartburg Invitational	Waverly Golf & Country Club
April 15	Mt. Mercy Invitational	Amana Golf Course
April 18-19	First-Half IIAC Tournament	University of Dubuque
April 25-26	Buena Vista Invitational	Spencer Country Club/Lake Creek Country Club
April 29	Dubuque Invitational	TBA
May 2-3	Second-Half IIAC Tournament	University of Dubuque

Men's golf sets sights high



by Carrie Lawton
Preview Editor

Under a new coach, the men's golf team hopes to have fun and be one of top teams in the conference, according to senior Jake Bloom.

Although weather conditions have kept the team from practicing outside, Head Coach Marty Simmons hopes the team can start in mid-March.

Simmons' only chance to see his team was last fall when they played a few meets. However, he said basically the same five men traveled to those meets.

With 15 men on the roster, Simmons has the numbers to pick and choose his top five.

"I'm not sure what I am going to do with the numbers in the spring," Simmons said. He also said there would be an equal opportunity for everyone to play.

The team will be a mix of experience with a sprinkling of seniors, juniors, sophomores and freshmen vying for spots in the top five.

Leading the pack after the fall season is junior Judd Heidemann.

"He is playing the best of everybody," said Bloom.

Simmons said Heidemann was the most consistent and had the lowest scoring average in the fall.

"He is a grind-it-out, tough, hard-nosed competitor," Simmons said. He also said Heidemann was good at managing the ball

around the course.

At No. 2 is Bloom. A lefty, he has an outstanding swing and hits the ball a long way.

"He knows what it takes to get a win," Simmons said. According to Simmons, Bloom has the potential for an outstanding senior season.

Bloom said his goal for the season is to play more consistently than last year.

Rounding out the top five are sophomore Chad Gould and freshmen Scott Kahler and Keith Fields.

Gould is a long hitter and a smart player, according to Simmons.

"I think he is capable of shooting low scores," Simmons said. He also said Gould has a lot of talent.

Described as always working on his game and having an outstanding attitude, Kahler is good at managing the ball around the course and is expected to have an outstanding career at Wartburg.

Fields brings excellent putting and a good swing to the team, according to Simmons.

Simmons said Fields will only get better with competition and practice.

"He has a good mind for the game of golf," Simmons said.

According to Bloom, the top three or four spots will be very strong.

As for conference competition, Simmons said he sees Luther and Central as the favorites, with Loras right behind in third.

Wartburg, he said, would be in the next mix of three or four teams at the middle of the pack.

Simmons said the season would not be leisurely. He expects his players to be at the course every day whether they are playing the course, putting or driving.

On the whole, Simmons said the team was a lot of fun to work with and that they all have great attitudes.

"I am excited and enthusiastic about the



Photo by Nathan Friesen

HOPING FOR SPRING—Junior Judd Heidemann attempts to practice despite Mother Nature's cruel hand. Heidemann currently holds the top spot for the men.

upcoming season," Simmons said.

Bloom said having fun and finishing at the top of the conference are team goals. He also said the Simmons has boosted the morale of the team.

"He likes to get you pumped," said Bloom. According to Bloom, Simmons is out playing and practicing with the team every day.

Simmons played golf in high school, advancing to the state tournament both his junior and senior years. Since, he said, golf has been a favorite hobby.

Simmons said he kind of fell into the position. Wartburg had an opening, and he had the knowledge.

The team's first meet is scheduled for April 4-5 at the William Penn Invitational.

Hole-in-one	1997
Men's Golf Roster	
Jake Bloom	Par
Matthew Eagle	
Estabrook	
Iron	Keith Fields
Chad Gould	
Putter	Sean Harker
Judd Hiedemann	Green
Scott Kahler	
Clayton Lichty	Waverly
Benjamin Marske	
Sand Trap	Scott Perry
Eric Risius	Bogey
Doug Schumacher	
Michael Schwenn	
Adam Secory	
Hole-in-one	Curtis Wulf
Warren Wulf	Birdie

TRACK AND FIELD

Feb. 28	Iowa State Qualifier	Ames
March 7-8	NCAA III Indoor Championships	Oshkosh, WI
March 20-22	Emporia State	Kansas
March 27	Wartburg Invitational	Waverly
April 5	Norse Relays	Decorah
April 12	Central (M)	
	Jim Duncan (W)	St. Paul, MN
April 19	Carleton Invite (M)	
	St. Olaf (W)	Northfield, MN
April 25-26	Drake Relays	Des Moines
April 25	Simpson Open	Indianola
May 2-3	IIAC Championships	Indianola
May 14	Schnur-Bremer Open	La Crosse, WI
May 16	La Crosse Twilight Qualifier	La Crosse, WI
	Midwest Collegiate Championship	Rock Island, IL
May 21-24	NCAA Outdoor Championships	La Crosse, WI

MEN'S TENNIS

March 1	Central	Waverly
March 11	Loras	Waverly
March 15	Buena Vista	
	Dubuque	Waverly
March 22	Cornell	
	William Penn	Waverly
April 2	Luther	Decorah
April 4-5	Simpson Tournament	Indianola
April 8	Dubuque	Dubuque
April 12	Upper Iowa	Waverly
April 17	Winona State	Waverly
April 18-19	Loras Tournament	Dubuque
April 23	William Penn	Oskaloosa
April 28	Upper Iowa	Fayette
April 29	Grinnell	Grinnell
May 2-3	Conference Tournament	Byrnes Park, Waterloo

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Softball team fields experience

by Scott Harves
Staff Writer

After winning its final four conference games a season ago, the Wartburg softball team will attempt to ride that momentum into the 1997 season and improve on their 1996 efforts.

Head Coach Robin Hoppenworth eyes a rough road ahead as IIAC co-champions Buena Vista and Central have tough squads returning, as well as Simpson, who finished third nationally last season, and is ranked second in the nation this year.

"Buena Vista lost a few players and Central lost their pitcher," said Hoppenworth. "Simpson returns everyone but a first basemen so they'll be tough."

The Knights were 14-16 overall last year, an up-and-down season that saw the team lose eight conference games in a row before finishing 8-8 in IIAC play.

"If we play how we're capable of playing, I think we can win conference," said junior Jamie Porter. "I think that can be a realistic goal for us to accomplish."

"We've got strong hitting up and down the lineup and a lot more team quickness," said senior Carrie Zuck.

This year's team returns most of the firepower from last year's lineup, including 1996 first team all-conference selection Porter.

Porter was third in the conference with a .463 batting average and tied for first in RBI's with 15. She also was first in triples with four and tied for fourth with 12 runs scored. The four triples tied an IIAC record shared by two former Wartburg players, Lorie Shafer (1984), and Kris Kuper (1985).

"My biggest worry is finding someone that hits behind Porter and can protect her," said Hoppenworth. "I do have some more speed in the lineup this year so we should be more aggressive on the bases."



"Coach is putting me in a position in the lineup where they'll have to pitch to me because there will be really good hitters behind me," said Porter. "One through nine will be very strong for us this year."

Porter played right field last year but will move to the infield this year and play second base. Hoppenworth claims that this move will help solidify the infield and get Porter more involved on the defensive side of the ball.

"Second base is a leadership position to me," said Hoppenworth. "With Jamie in the infield on a first and third situation, there's nobody that's going to try to go home on her. We'll make more use of her because she'll be in on cut-offs and a lot more plays."

Sophomore Angie Gorsuch will move to right field, and a few other players will get a chance to fill Porter's shoes in the outfield.

Seniors Kara Caspers and Carrie Zuck return to the outfield for their final campaigns with the team. Zuck, who patrols center field, garnered a second team all-conference selection in 1996 after batting .319 in conference play.

Junior transfer Mary Jo Vrba, who is still in competition with the basketball team, may add some versatility to the lineup. Vrba may give the Knights a boost in a number of places.

"Mary Jo can play just about every position but pitcher for us," said Zuck. "She also has a very strong bat."

The pitching staff lost only Leslie Eyestone from last year and will be keyed around Behne this year. Behne was 5-8 overall



Photo by Heather Simpson

SHOW ME THE ... BALL—Freshman Kristi Brickman readies to field the ball during a recent practice for the softball team. The Knights finished 14-16 overall last year and 8-8 in IIAC action.

last year and was ninth in the conference with a 1.65 ERA in 42.3 innings of work.

Junior Andi Hemesath worked from the mound last year as well, pitching 17 innings in IIAC play and finishing fourth with a 0.82 ERA.

Pitching and defense are going to be keys this year for the Knights according to Hoppenworth. The team committed 80 errors in 30 games last year, which is almost an average of three per contest.

"Defense may be our weakness right now, but I think we're more solid then we have been in the past," said Hoppenworth.

"It'll take a bit to get the kinks out, but we'll be all right," said Zuck.

Porter sees the team coming together well during the preseason and sees a bright future for the weeks to come.

"Coach makes sure we play together as a team and that we are a team together and that's how it's going to go the rest of the season," said Porter.

The team travels to California over Winter Term Break and will play a total of 10 games. Eight of these games include double-headers against four different Division III teams sitting in Wartburg's west regional for the national playoffs.

"It's important for us to beat them, but it probably won't be held against us at the end of the season," said Hoppenworth. "These are teams we can beat."

1997 softball roster

Brandi Becker
Deb Behne
Tonya Bollman
Kristin Brickman
Hollie Carlson
Kara Caspers
Julianna DeWild
Erin Ellerbusch
Molly Fosseen
Jenelle Frost
Angie Gorsuch
Jaime Hamann
Shawna Heikens
Andi Hemesath
Kim Jass
Amy Jo Johnson
Kara Kehe
Valerie Kies
Alison Levin
Kristy Loy
Rianne Pfaltzgraff
Jamie Porter
Lisa Powers
Peggy Reints
Renae Rost
Heidi Snider
Corrie Strottman
Anna Tesdahl
Mary Jo Vrba
Carrie Zuck

Outfielders:

Hollie Carlson
Erin Ellerbusch
Jenelle Frost
Kristy Loy

Kara Caspers
Jaime Hamann
Alison Levin

Carrie Zuck

Angie Gorsuch
Heidi Snider

Rianne Pfaltzgraff
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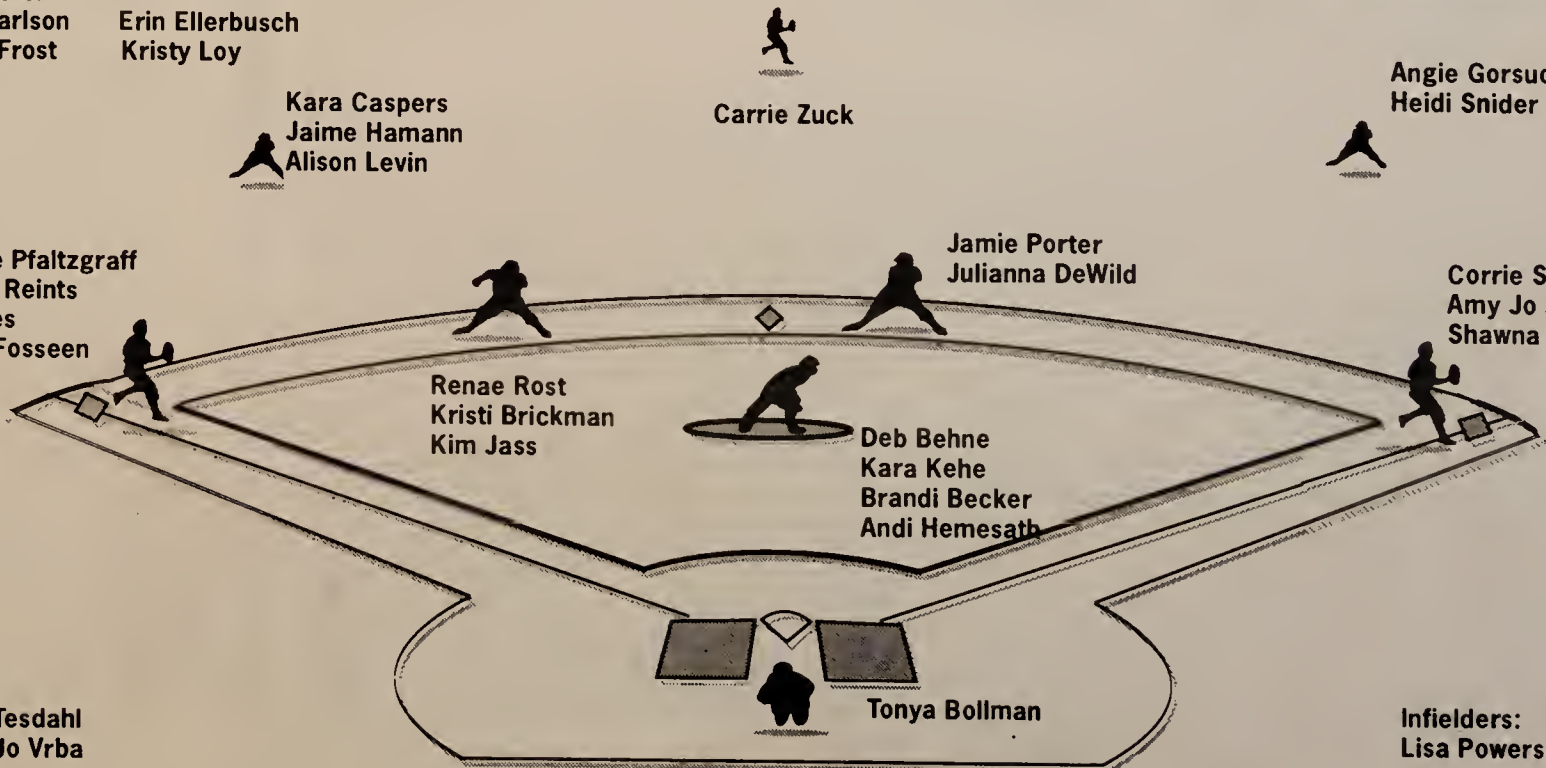
Corrie Strottman
Amy Jo Johnson
Shawna Heikens

Tonya Bollman

Utility:

Anna Tesdahl
Mary Jo Vrba

Infielders:
Lisa Powers



Stepping down in '98

Eight years ago, Steve Johnson stepped into the head coaching position for men's and women's cross country and track and field. In that time, he has built a successful program. He decided enough was enough, and while he will remain at the cross country helm, this will his last in track's leading position.

by Suzanne Behnke
Preview Editor

Steve Johnson says that while he wants to coach, he needs a break.

"I love my job; there's just a lot of job to love," he said.

Johnson said 1997 is his last year as track and field head coach. In 1998 he will coach as an assistant. He said one of the current assistant coaches, Marcus Newsom, could serve as the next head coach.

Johnson serves as head coach for the men's and women's cross country teams and men's and women's track and field teams. He is the only full-time coach for both sports. This year, he has 90 people out for the track and field teams.

"The feeling I get every March 15 is I'm hanging on the freight train, no ability to coach or be creative," Johnson said.

He may have reason to feel over-worked.

"I put in 80 to 100 hour weeks. No week is less than 80," he said.

What does all that time take up?

Besides dealing with coaching things like recruiting, planning workouts, attending practices and entering competition, Johnson is also a physical education professor.

Johnson said he would like to spend time on other things like family, a doctoral degree and a book.

Backing off has not been an easy choice.

"It's hard for me to step back, but I think for my own good as a human being, I need to get smart."

When Johnson began, both track and field teams held no more than 25 people. Today, 45 fill each team.

And that is part of his reason for step-

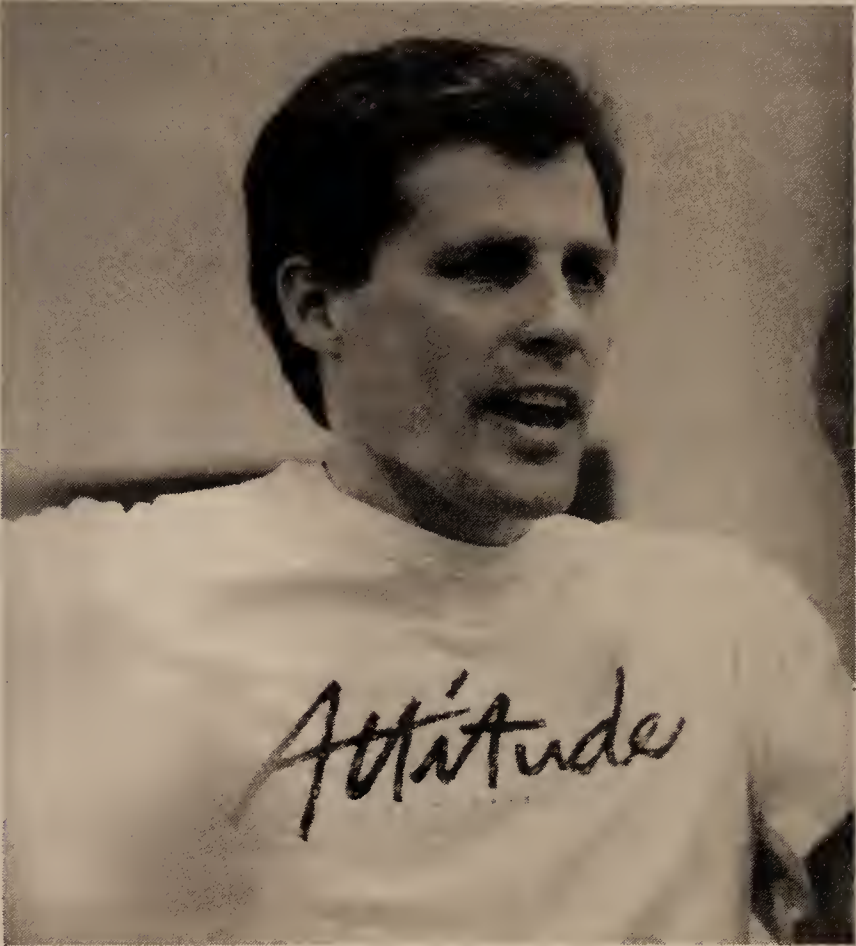


Photo by Nathan Friesen

ONE MORE YEAR—Head track and field coach Steve Johnson instructs at a recent practice in the Fieldhouse. Johnson is in his eighth and final year leading Wartburg track and field. He will continue as an assistant for track and field next year. He will remain cross country head coach.

ping down — the team members.

Johnson said the numbers are so large, he cannot give the members what they deserve.

"They don't get the attention that other coaches and sports are able to give them," he said. "I'm proud of what we've been able to accomplish. A lot of it is on their own."

The record books illustrate his commitment to the team. The women's team won three consecutive conference meets from 1993-95. Last year they and the men took third. The men's team has never won a title, but came in second in 1995.

In cross country, the Knights Sophomore distance runner Trina Steines said the teams should be fine, as

Johnson will still be coaching.

"He's stepping down from head coach as far as managing everything," she said. She said for distance runners it may be exciting. Now, Johnson can give one-on-one coaching.

Besides coaching frustration, Johnson said he is frustrated with facilities — or lack of facilities.

The teams practice at the Waverly-Shell Rock High School track because Wartburg does not have one.

When they get there, Johnson said 300 people are there already practicing.

But whatever frustrations he has, leaving the helm will be difficult.

"It's hard for me to relinquish control. Period. Over anything. Just ask my wife," he said.

Outdoor track



The indoor season ends in two weeks, and Wartburg launches into the outdoor, with the Knights, Loras and Luther as the heavy IAC contenders.

by Michelle Van Dorn
Staff Writer

With nature changing seasons, the men and women track and field teams switch as well — from indoor to outdoor competition.

The team boasts its largest numbers ever, with a talented blend of freshmen and upperclassmen. If athletic prowess weren't enough, this year could mark facility improvements. It also marks the last season for Head Coach Steve Johnson. See page four.

Despite the future leadership change, 1997 should continue track and field success.

Outdoor Outlook

The outdoor season starts March 20. The outdoor Iowa Conference Championship meet is months away, but Johnson expects results similar to last year.

The championship could be a three-way battle with Luther, Loras and Wartburg on both the men's and the women's sides. Loras and Luther topped both Wartburg teams last year, leaving the Knights settling for third.

In just one year, fans may hardly recognize the teams. It was a recruiting year a coach only dreams about, Johnson said.

Together the men and women have nearly 90 athletes out. Freshmen make up half of the roster on the women's side. The numbers are nearly identical for the men.

"Not only are they (the freshmen) talented, but they add a lot of depth," senior sprinter Nikki Kimball said. "That will help a lot in scoring for field events."

From the crop of freshmen, about a dozen are place winners at last year's high school state championships.

"They are highly competitive and a focused group," Johnson said. "They want to win."

The freshmen have a supportive group of upperclassmen to lean on.

"As far as the counters—the senior class is strong," Johnson said. "They will be a tough class to lose."

Senior captains are Heather Fink, Angie Knips, Leah Lenhart, Steve Boblenz, Chris Shannon and Matt Wiley.

The accomplishments and success of the team hasn't surprised Johnson, but the injury report does.

Johnson said only one runner was out for the last meet. Only two women are not running full workouts. Otherwise, the injury list is nonexistent.

Facility Improvements

The injury list may be even better next year. Wartburg is in the process of approving the plans for a new indoor surface for the fieldhouse.

Nothing is final, but plans are progressing.

Surfaces have been chosen and colors are being considered. Vice President for Administration and Finance Mike Book said that they have asked for estimates

Johnson record book

Fall 1996

Women cross country champs, men take third.

Spring 1996

Men and women place third at conference meet.

Fall 1995

Women in third place, men finish fourth.

Spring 1995

Men have five champs in outdoor track and field IAC meet.

Fall 1994

Men and women both No. 1 in IAC. Women win regionals and head to nationals where they place fifth.

Spring 1994

Women repeat as outdoor track conference champs.

Fall 1993

Women three-peat conference, regional title. Again earn national spot, finishing eighth.

Spring 1993

Women's track win first conference crown.

Fall 1992

Women repeat conference and regional title. Third at national meet.

Fall 1991

Men and women win the Iowa Conference. Women place third at nationals.

Coaching Awards

Johnson was named:

•women's conference cross country coach of the year during his first six seasons;

•was men's coach of the year in 1994;

•received regional coach of the year award in 1994;

•in track, he was women's IAC coach of the year in 1995.

igger and better

Track and field teams to face three-way conference title battle

track and field

MEN'S TEAM

Bryant Arns
John Bergman
Steve Boblenz
Dion Braet
Greg Chambers
T.J. Craig
Ryan Harms
Pat Hennes
Jim Holmes
Wendall Hruska
Jeff Huber
Michael Klaas
Tim Lambertsen
Jamie Landers
James Leemhuis
Josh Lyons
Dave Max
Travis McCarthy
Brian Menefee
Ross Mills
Ryan Mitchell
Eric Olson
Michael Peakin
Ryan Rasmussen
Chris Reade
Kendall Ricklefs
James Rochford
Joel Rochford
Brian Ryherd
Anthony Samuelson
Nate Santamaria
Cam Schucknecht
Chris Shannon
Trevor Shannon
Dave Simonson
Greg Skoge
Lee Venteicher
Kendall Walker
Josh Wedemeier
Matt Wiley
Chad Williams

WOMEN'S TEAM

Jamie Aldinger
Heidi Allen
Sommer Baxton
Karen Bomar
Angie Busche
Dawn Digmann
Annette Edgren
Heather Fink
Sarah Gabel
Catherine Gerner
Kel Hocker
Kathy Hoisington
Jennifer Holloway
Christina Holmes
Cindy Kading
Katie Kelting
Nikki Kimball
Angie Knips
Carol Kuennen
Leah Lenhart
Julie Leonard
Jennifer Loeb
Heidi Ludvigsen
Danielle Moore
Jennifer Morrey
Joy Morrey
Betsy Neff
Jeanette Olson
Kelly Orr
Emily Ott
Shauna Pasanen
Erin Ries
Nicole Schrader
Rachel Simmer
Trina Steines
Amy Sullivan
Amy Wagner
Danielle Wangsness
Barbara White
Christina Wickre



Photo by Nathan Friesen

OVER THE HURDLES—Just as the team member above, the Wartburg men's and women's track and field team finish the indoor season with few barriers in the way of success. Outdoor competition begins March 20.

from the Kiefer Company out of Kansas City, Mo.

"We have every intent to go ahead with the new track," Book said.

Book's estimates costs at \$225,000. If all goes well, the track will be installed during May or August 1997.

Indoor Success

For the present, the team could charge straight into the outdoor season from successes in outdoor.

Already five weeks into indoor competition, the Knights have faced some top competitors from other Division I schools. The teams look to have a strong showing at the NCAA Division III Indoor National Championships held over Wartburg's Winter Term Break.

All-American Chris Shannon has automatically qualified for nationals in the 55-meter hurdles. Shannon is ranked seventh in the nation, but intends to do better.

"I hope to get in the top three. I am really excited for nationals," Shannon said. "We'll have a lot of time to rest during break. That will help our performances."

Last year, his ranking didn't seed him in the finals, but he finished fourth.

Sophomore Dawn Digmann is only three inches from an automatic qualifying throw in the shot put. Other provisional qualifiers are high jumper James

Leemhuis, Trina Steines in the 800-meter run, shot putter Amy Sullivan and the men's 1,600-meter relay team.

Leemhuis and Steines are sophomores. Sullivan is a freshman.

"It's hard to tell how we will do at nationals; there's always a tendency to have the inexperienced people get a little excited and not perform their best," Shannon said.

With two more meets left to qualify, Johnson said he hopes to see national berths from All-American Annette Edgren in the high jump, Dion Braet and Ryan Harms in the 1,500-meter run, shot putter Joel Rochford, Matt Wiley in the 800 and the women's 1,600-meter relay team.

On Saturday, the teams traveled to Luther for what Johnson called the "fake" conference meet. Loras was absent from this year's line-up. See page seven of the Trumpet for results.

Next year, this same meet will be considered a "true" Iowa Conference Championships. The first year it will be held at Luther, but the thought of a traveling meet has been discussed.

With the building of a new facility, Buena Vista expressed interest in hosting the conference championships too. The Iowa Conference will grow next year with the adoption of Cornell and Coe.

the strong in 1996

Iowa Conference results

- Annette Edgren
women's javelin champion
- Chris Shannon
110-meter hurdles
and triple jump
champion
- James Rochford
men's javelin champion
- Dawn Digmann
women's shot put
second place
- Steve Boblenz
100-meter dash and 200-meter dash
third place
- Women's 400-meter relay
third place; Nikki Kimball,
Leah Lenhart, Barb White
- Men's 400-meter relay
third place; Chris Shannon,
Steve Boblenz, Kendall
Walker, Tim Lambertsen

Tennis team begins with new coach



compiled by Carrie Lawton
Editor

After finishing a disappointing fourth place at last year's conference meet, Wartburg's men's tennis team hopes to go a bit higher in the standings this season.

Despite graduating the top three players, the Knights return three players who placed at last year's conference tournament. Ben Christensen, Raza Akbar and Steve Meirink all placed in their flights at the tournament.

In doubles, Akbar and Meirink took fifth in their flight.

The team placed fourth after being tied with Loras for third place.

Story by Greg Berry was unavailable at press time.



Photo by Jill Benson

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT—The men's tennis team (above) takes a break during a recent practice to discuss strategy. New Head Coach Kevin Geise (second from left) gives the men some helpful advice. Geise takes the helm from Chuck Tragord.

STRETCHING FOR IT—Junior Steve Meirink (left) gets to the ball just in time during a recent practice. Meirink finished fifth in his flight at last year's conference tournament.

Photo by Jill Benson



1997 men's tennis roster

Eric Adams

James Davis

Raza Akbar

John Eikenberry

Shakeel Arab

Daniel Jerrett

Todd Benson

Steve Meirink

Ben Christensen

Brandon Wilkins

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Last Looks

Carrie Zuck: Centerfielder



Photo by Heather Simpson
OUTFIELD QUEEN—Centerfielder Carrie Zuck begins her last year of softball competition, after missing one game during her career.

Last time at bat ...

by Shena Blomgren
Staff Writer

Senior Carrie Zuck, came to Wartburg to play basketball, but the court took her elsewhere — the softball diamond.

Zuck said she didn't intend to play softball here. But, when ordering coats for basketball her freshman year, Zuck said Monica Severson, head women's basketball coach, asked her if she wanted "basketball" or "basketball and softball" embroidered on her coat.

"I thought she always wanted to play softball, that's her love," Severson said.

Zuck decided to put both sports on her coat, committing her to softball.

After two years of playing basketball, Zuck decided to focus solely on softball.

Her decision is evident. She

started in center field since her very first college softball game, missing only one game because of an injury.

And besides being there, leadership has been a key part of her softball career.

"She's been a great leader on the field — the team looks up to her," said Head Softball Coach Robin Hoppenworth.

Zuck said she saw the seniors on the team as leaders when she was a freshman. She said she hoped she could offer that same kind of leadership to younger team members — and she obviously has.

"She's definitely a team leader. She's always such a hard worker," said sophomore softball player Kristy Loy.

Zuck's love of softball began early for her.

She said when she was in kindergarten, her parents took the initiative to involve her in T-ball. She said she loved it because she lived in the country and it gave her a "chance to be around everyone."

Emogene, Zuck's mother, said she wanted her daughter to have the "same opportunities as the kids in town."

Ever since kindergarten, Zuck has kept her romance with softball going.

When asked why she plays softball, Zuck said, "For the love of the game ... something inside you, the competitive part, it's



Carrie Zuck

indefinable."

She also enjoys the camaraderie of a team.

"It's a different kind of bond [the friendships], we totally support each other," Zuck said. "You know you played a part; you had a hand in a win."

Overall, Zuck said playing softball is something she loves. She does it for the friendships, competition, risk-taking chances and her favorite part of the game, running bases.

As for future plans, Zuck plans to keep playing recreational slow-pitch softball.

She said she loves playing softball so much that she "wishes she had four more years to play."

"Since day one, Carrie's always been a competitor; she just likes competition," said Emogene.

stat book...

- 1996 Second Team All-Conference selection.

- Part of the 1994 Regional champs, Wartburg's first ever.

Over the last hurdle...

Track and field began long ago for indoor All-American and senior Chris Shannon.

by Amy Wagner
Staff Writer

As he finishes a successful college track career, Chris Shannon said he didn't get serious about the sport until high school.

"It wasn't until my junior year when I actually started to get really focused and motivated about track," he said.

He said Wapsie Valley track coach Steve Phelan asked him to stay late to do some extra hurdle work.

"My coach taught me much discipline and if I put in the time, things will pay off," Shannon said.

And things began paying off. In high school, Shannon improved his time in the 110 high hurdles by one second every year.

His senior year of high school, he won almost every single hurdle race, finally placing fourth at Drake and taking the state championship.

"The most gifted athlete out of Wapsie Valley and a tremendous desire to make himself better allowed Chris to be very

coachable," said Phelan.

Shannon also played football, basketball and baseball in high school.

At Wartburg, the success continued in track and football.

Shannon said winning fourth at nationals in Massachusetts last year as an indoor All-American remains one of his favorite memories.

As a wide receiver, he was named to third team All-Conference and led the stats in 1996.

Brother Trevor also runs track and plays football.

"A few words to describe Chris is an intensely competitive athletic, naturally gifted, hard worker and leader," said Steve Johnson, Wartburg track and field coach.

"I owe a great deal of my success to my parents that have supported me 100 percent and allowed me to choose the path of life that I wanted to follow," Shannon said.

He said his father, Pat, was a great influence in running. Pat would run three miles every day. As a fourth-grader, Shannon would join him whenever he could.

"We have always let him choose his own path in life and Patrick and I are very proud of him," said Sue Shannon, Chris' mother.

records & stats

Indoor Records

- 1996 All-American
- 1996 triple jump 44 feet, 5 1/2 inches
- 1996 55-meter hurdles 7.67 seconds
- 1997 400-meter relay 3:22.37
- 1997 200-meter relay 1:31.38

Outdoor Records

- 1995 Sprint Medley relay 3:26
- 1996 triple jump, 47 feet
- 1996 100-meter relay 42.95 seconds
- 1996 200-meter relay 1:29.45
- 1996 400-meter relay 3:15.16

- 1995 Iowa Conference Championship MVP

High School:

- 1993 Drake Relays Fourth in 110 hurdles and state champion
- 1992 Fifth place in hurdles at state tournament

Chris Shannon: Track and field



Photo by Nathan Friesen

MORE RUNNING—Chris Shannon began his track career long ago, but will finish competition this year. He is an indoor All-American in the hurdles. He says his concentration on track didn't begin until he was in high school.

One word for baseball squad: young



by Lis Erickson
Sports Editor

If the Wartburg baseball team can be summed up in one word, it's not hard to choose.

Young.

Second-year Head Coach Joel Holst leads a team composed of mainly freshmen and sophomores into a tough Iowa Conference baseball season.

"We're very young, but we should be very competitive. We'll see who steps up for us," said Holst.

Holst said last year was a good recruiting year for the Knights, and that he expects big things from a number of his transfers.

"We've got a lot of new faces, and we're expecting big things this year," co-captain Kevin Wachholz said.

Coming off the best season in Wartburg baseball history at 20-20-1, the Knights are looking forward to this year's Iowa Conference competition.

"If we're in the top four, we're able to host part of the conference tournament," Holst said.

"In 1996, we tied for fourth and weren't able to host. We're a little bitter about that."

"We're done with mediocrity, and it's time to prove ourselves," Wachholz said.

Holst said the league should be led by the "usuals," Upper Iowa, who was in the 1996 Division III College World Series, Simpson, William Penn and Loras.

The Knights had a combined 3-6 record against these four teams last year. One of those losses eliminated Wartburg from IAC Tournament play.

"We managed to break in last year, and we want to go further," said Holst.

Co-captain Brian Nelson said the Knights want to accomplish big things this season.

"The team is setting their expectations high. We have some good athletes, and are excited."

Wartburg leads off its season with a Winter Term Break trip to Panama City, Fla., where the team plays 10 games in six days.

The Florida trip gives the team the opportunity to get outside and play the game they've been working on for a month.

"I'm looking forward to seeing these (new) guys play ball," said Hartl. "We haven't gotten the chance to play together yet."

"Florida should be interesting. It will be a definite testing spot for us," said senior Jon Thoreson.

Upon their return to Waverly, they follow up Florida with a mid-week, three-game set in Missouri, March 11-12, and a mid-week pair of doubleheaders

in the Metrodome.

Holst expects these pre-conference season trips to get his players ready for a tough conference-opening series. The Knights face Simpson, William Penn and Upper Iowa within a 10-day span, with Division I University of Northern Iowa thrown into the mix for good measure.

Holst said his starting line-up is not yet set, but is definitely shaping up.

The Knights look to their newcomers for big offensive production, Holst said. "The new guys will figure to be very important to our line-up."

He plans on using Wachholz, Andy Gericke, Brian Eastman and Kirk Lebeck as the heart of the order, and will flesh it out with Nelson and Mark Torgerson.

"We should be a good offensive team," Hartl said.

At the plate, Torgerson, Wachholz and Nelson are the leading returners. The three played in each of the Knights' 41 total games last year.

In a team-leading 137 plate appearances, Torgerson finished 1996 with a .336 batting average and 46 hits and 25 RBI.

As well, Wachholz and Nelson hit .298 and .293, respectively last year. Nelson was a team leader in home runs with five and batted in 28. Wachholz garnered 39 hits in 131 appearances, and led the team in runs scored, with 48.

The starting batteries look to be rather experienced, Holst said.

Holst said the Knights return Hartl as their No. 1 pitcher, while



Photo by Heather Simpson

HOMERUN SWING—Two baseball players practice hitting in the field house during a recent practice. The baseball team begins play during Winter Term Break in Florida.

sophomore Ross Polking and junior co-captain Kyle Knudson should "push each other for starting time."

The Knights are looking for results from Hartl, Holst said.

"He really improved our pitching situation last year."

Hartl was 5-5 last season, with an ERA of 3.88. He gave up 71 hits in 65.0 innings pitched.

Currently, Hartl has some shoulder pain. "I hope to be 100 percent by the time conference rolls around," he said.

Until then, the Knights will rely pretty heavily on sophomore Blake Cruikshank. Cruikshank will follow Hartl on the mound, and had a "great year last year," according to Holst.

Also figuring into the Knights' mound equation will be returner Justin Long, transfers Dan

Grawe, Andy Klemesrud and Bob Etringer, and freshman Andy Fischels.

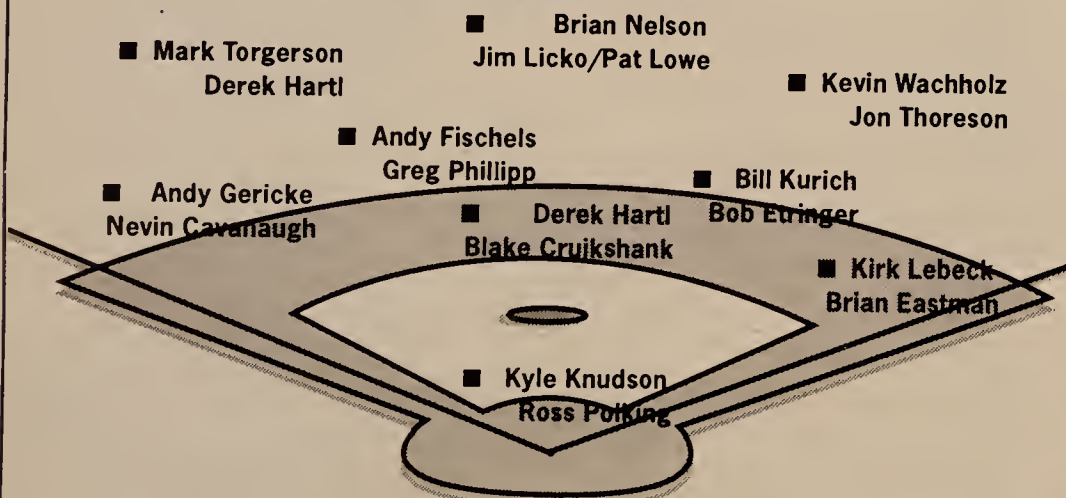
Wartburg looks to have some strong relievers in senior co-captain Nelson, returner Cory Stafford, transfer Jeff Schertz, and freshmen Rob Mudd, Wes Gade, Chris Strinmoen and Shane Potratz.

Around the horn, the Knights have a couple of options at each position, Holst said, and transfers look to be the basis for most of the infield.

The Knights start the season with a lot of experience in the outfield.

Nelson will lead the Knights in the outfield, starting in center. Torgerson is the expected starter in left, and Wachholz should take care of rightfield.

1997 baseball roster



Nevin Cavanaugh
Blake Cruikshank
Brian Eastman
Robert Etringer
Andy Fischels
Wes Gade
Andy Gericke
Dan Grawe
Matt Hansen
Derek Hartl
Jeremy Hesse
Andy Klemesrud
Kyle Knudson
Jason Kramer
Bill Kurich
Kirk Lebeck
Jim Licko

Justin Long
Patrick Lowe
Robert Mudd
Brian Nelson
Greg Philipp
Ross Polking
Shane Potratz
Jeffrey Schulz
Cory Stafford
Ryan Steckelberg
Chris Strinmoen
Jon Thoreson
Mark Torgerson
Wes Volk
Kevin Wachholz
Matt Wheeler

Senior Spotlight



"This is my senior season, and I just want to go out on a good note. We're expecting a lot from this team."

—Brian Nelson

"I'm excited for the season. I just want us to go out, play some good ball and win as many as possible."

—Jon Thoreson

